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Class registration moves online

By Charles Bloom

On April 14 registration at Salisbury University will go online via the GullNet registration system. GullNet is one of the many services created through the new Peoplesoft system.

"The basic difference between how it was done in the past and how we're doing it now is that PeopleSoft allows us to do it live," said Avery Saulsbury, registrar. The information will be online immediately, as opposed to the past when students would not find out which classes they were enrolled in until several weeks later.

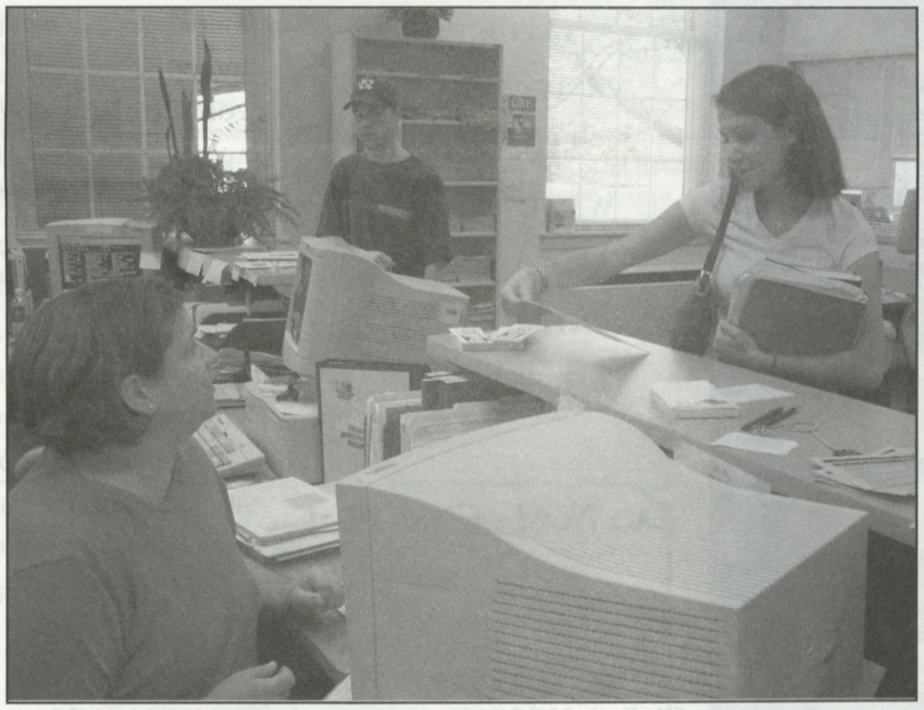
Photo by Michelle Bennett

Students accept their registration packets.

Another new feature will be priority registration; students are able to register with their class rankings, beginning with seniors. Saulsbury believes the new system will benefit the students greatly. "When you're done, you're done. No waiting until two weeks later to get your schedule," said Saulsbury.

Some students are skeptical about the new online registration process. "It's so much easier to do it over the phone," said Daniel Gilbert, sophomore. "They did this to make it easier for them, not the students. I hate computers."

The PeopleSoft system will be integrated into many campus functions like payroll, accounting and health services. Previously, these systems were processed separately.

Part of the switch to PeopleSoft included an upgrade in server technology. "The server equipment was pretty old. Everything had to be beefed up. Previously, our single server had to go down every evening for tape backup. Now, we've moved from a small box to a wall of equipment that can stay running 24 hours a day," said Ross Leisten, assistant registrar.

The program was purchased as a multi-million dollar package by the state, and soon every college in the University of Maryland system will make the transition. Saulsbury said he believes SU will be the first college in the state to have Peoplesoft up and running.

"Cancellations, withdrawals, dean's list, academic probation. All of this information has to be moved from the old system to the new one. It's a lot of work," said Leisten.

Saulsbury said that the system was tested, but problems may still occur. "The first time through, some things aren't going to go right," said Saulsbury.

During registration, the system will be constantly monitored and fine-tuned. Saulsbury and Leisten said they expect the majority of the problems to be worked out after the initial registration process.

"The web-based system is point-and-click and very intuitive. The majority of students have grown up around computers, and should find it very easy to use," said Leisten.

Registration begins on April 14 for seniors. For more information go to www.salisbury.edu/gullnet.

Health Services prepares for SARS

By Shane Jacobus

A global outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) has forewarned Student Health Services to be prepared if someone at Salisbury University should contract the virus. The World Health Organization (WHO) has reported 2,223 cases worldwide with only 78 fatalities, most of which have transpired in China and Southeast Asia. So far, the death rate has been kept relatively minimal at only 3.5%.

According to researchers at the Caribbean Epidemiology Center, SARS takes either one of two cases. Most patients improve 80 to 90 percent of the time, while the remaining 10 to 20 percent have been known to worsen. Half of the latter cases usually result in death.

"There's no sense in panicking," said Emily Clifford, a nurse practitioner at SU. "Students just need to be aware of the basic facts and take good care of themselves."

People contract SARS when they inhale air droplets emanating from patients who cough or sneeze. The symptoms are coughing, shortness of breath, hypoxia and a temperature of at least 100.5 degrees Fahrenheit. Others might include signs of pneumonia or acute respiratory distress syndrome.

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT . . .

POW rescued in Iraq

Army PFC Jessica Lynch was rescued from an Iraqi hospital where she was being held last week. An Iraqi man found her and helped U.S. marines plan and rescue her. He drew maps of the hospital and surrounding area for the marines to follow. Lynch suffered two broken legs and a broken arm.

Reporter fired for giving Iraqi TV interview

NBC and National Geographic fired reporter Peter Arnett after he said on Iraqi TV that the U.S. had failed with their initial attack because of Iraqi resistance and were constructing another plan. Arnett has won a Pulitzer Prize for his reporting in the Vietnam War and he also reported on the Persian Gulf War in 1991 for CNN.

Coalition Forces report losses, POWs, MIAs

The Pentagon said 73 American service members died, eight are missing and seven have been captured. In some cases, families have released names before the Military. According to the British government there are 27 dead.

No More Cuts protest collects 22,000 signatures

Last week the Maryland General Assembly Conference Committee revised proposed budget cuts from $37.1 million down to $4.7 million. The petition at Salisbury University collected over 22,000 signatures that were sent to the Maryland General Assembly to plead for no more cuts.

Maryland slots rejected

Last week, the House Ways and Means Committee rejected Governor Ehrlich's slot machine proposal. The proposal planned to help balance Maryland's budget and would have given money to education. House speaker Michael Busch said if the committee rejected the bill, it wouldn't make it to the house floor. The committee plans to write a new plan for next year.

Station Two firefighters reach agreement with city

Last Friday the city council passed Resolution 953. It is an agreement between the volunteer firefighters and the city saying they honor the command structure of the fire department but also have their own volunteer chief. Mayor Tilghman was out of town for the vote, and is expected to try to veto the resolution.

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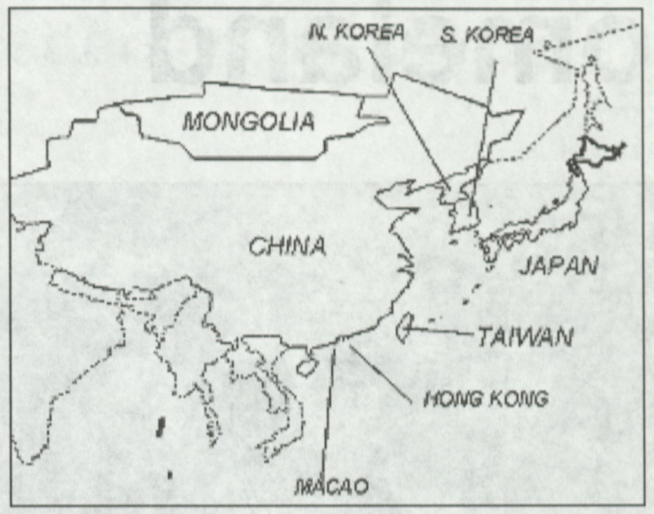

The areas most affected by SARS.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has reported 62 cases of SARS in the U. S. Dr. Jim Hughes, head of CDC's infectious disease branches, said that 44 of these cases involved people who traveled to the areas previously mentioned.

Although antibiotics have so far proven ineffectual, most patients survive once they have been quarantined and the virus has run its course.

CDC recommends that people postpone traveling to areas that have been hit hard by SARS. However, people will be given medical guidelines if they must travel to countries such as China, Vietnam, Singapore and others in Southeast Asia.

Student Health Services does not foresee a problem on campus because the impact of SARS has not been nearly as deadly as other outbreaks. However, they have outlined a list of procedures to follow if a student contracts the virus:

1. The patient will be taken to Peninsula Regional Medical Center to receive standard treatment.
2. Student Health Services will identify those who have been in close contact with that patient and have them detected for SARS. (i.e. roommates, boyfriend/girlfriend, etc.)
3. Lastly, all students will be advised to follow strict guidelines such as hand hygiene, waste disposal and washing dishes and kitchen utensils, especially when they go to parties.

"If you take care of yourself," said Jenny Berkman, director of Student Health Services, "and your immune system is strong, you will reduce the impact of viral infections such as SARS."

For more tips on SARS regarding travel advisory, prevention and control go to www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars.

Petition recall delayed

By Erik Burnett

Petitions have been circulated around Salisbury for the recall of the mayor and the city council. A local business owner, Brenda Cox, started the petitions to remove the officials and end local political deadlock.

Brenda Cox heads the city council major re-call petitions.

Cox wants the three council members not up for re-election in November to resign to give the residents of Salisbury an opportunity to bring in an entirely new city council. One third of the city's registered voters have signed at least one petition, according to Cox.

People outside of the Eastern Shore have expressed their interest in the actions. In January, the Baltimore Sun ran a front-page article on the petitions.

The petitions were supposed to be turned in at the end of March to verify that all the signatures were authentic, but Cox has delayed turning them in an attempt to gather about 500 more signatures. "I need to get 500 more to make sure there are no flaws," said Cox. "I want to cover all my bases."

Cox has also asked the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce for $15,000 to cover the costs of the election board verifying the signatures. "Money is very important to this city and I don't want the counting to cost the city anything," said Cox. The approval for the funding of the $15,000 is still pending.

These petitions are scheduled to be turned in to be counted in the next week or two and could have a dramatic effect on local politics. Salisbury University students are permitted to sign the petitions because they live in the city the majority of the year.

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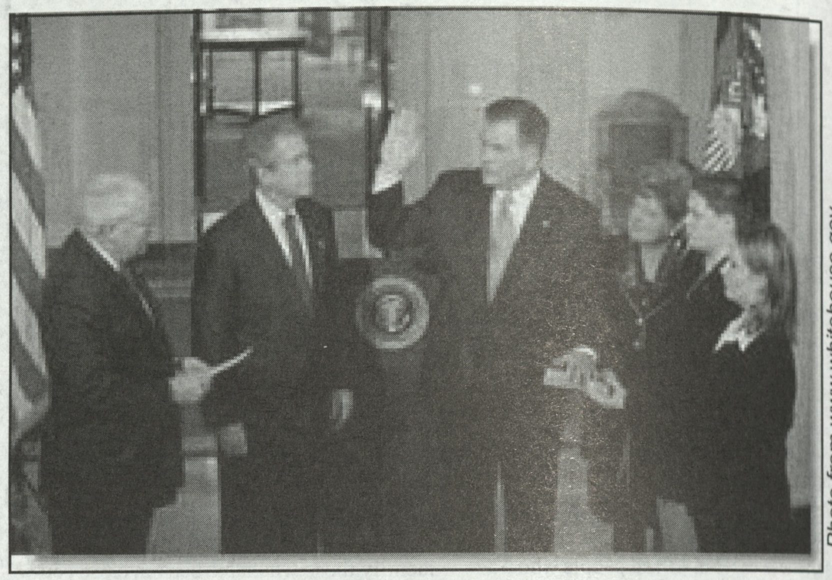


Photo from www.whitehouse.gov

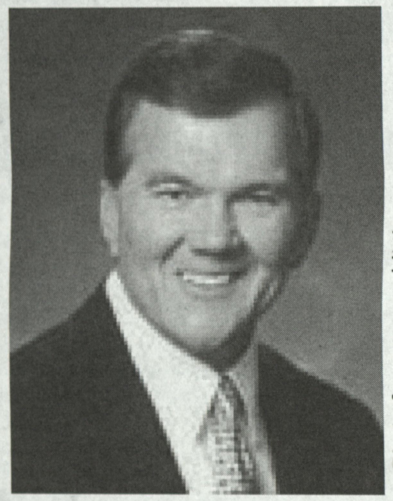
Tom Ridge, secretary of the Department of Homeland Security being sworn in.

By Chris Weymont

On March 3, President George Bush signed into law the creation of the Homeland Security cabinet. About 170,000 federal employees will fall under the new department, coming from about 22 agencies, including the Coast Guard, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

President Bush believes the creation of the Homeland Security cabinet is essential due to the rising demands of the war on terrorism. Creation of the department will be led by Tom Ridge, former governor of Pennsylvania.

The re-organization of Homeland Security is the largest shuffle of departments since World War II. Bush believes that in order for agencies to thwart and meet the challenges from terrorists, we need to "get the right people in the right job at the right time."



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Tom Ridge, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

Bush believes that the war on terrorism will be headed in an orderly fashion by streamlining agencies such as the coast guard, border patrol and secret service under one authority. By organizing the agencies, the threat assessments at home can be given to one person, then the secretary reports to the President in daily briefings.

"Every member of this new department accepts an essential mission to prevent another terrorist attack," said Bush at a formal gathering of important Homeland Security personnel, "Yours is a vital and important step in reorganizing our government to meet the threats of a new era as we continue to work securing this country."

The cabinet position also created a new national security level threat system. Homeland Security Chief Tom Ridge unveiled a new color-coded threat advisory system. The idea is to create a way to convey the risk of terrorist attacks to federal, state, local authorities and the American people. By introducing the color-coded threat levels, Tom Ride hopes to raise the awareness of the threats that currently exist.

"We'll be ready to answer every danger and every enemy that threatens the American people," said Ridge at a speech in front of Homeland Security officials.

The Homeland Security department will be working with a budget of 37.4 billion and will designate areas of priority based on the level of readiness. The federal government will set up teams that are designed to locate problems and fix them. Teams within the Homeland department will continuously assess national vulnerabilities to terrorist related attacks.

"The new secretary of the department will have to be able to shift resources quickly to respond to terrorist threats, without being held up by bureaucratic red tape," said Bush.

By expanding certain areas of the law, Bush believes that managers within the Homeland Security department will have more flexibility to meet the threat of terrorism.

As the war on terror expands, the federal government expects to grow with the pace of the conflict. With the creation of the Homeland Security cabinet level, departments within federal bureaucracy will be able to confront any problems that exist in the nation's security.

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Letters to the editor

Dear Flyer Editor,

Ehrlich the Gingrich-Goth

Why did the State Senate reject Lynn Buhl as Secretary of MDE? Because Ehrlich the Gingrich-goth has declared war on Maryland's air, earth, water and health. He wanted Lynn Buhl to be his field marshall. They talked openly about merging MDE with DNR (good-bye MDE).

Because when green groups got together a week or so before Ms. Buhl's hearing and agreed to oppose her, the Gingrich-goth roared that greens would have "no seat at the table."

Because after green groups testified against her, the Gingrich-goth spitefully withdrew administration support for a bill to stiffen penalties for developers and others who fail to control sediment, manage stormwater, protect wetlands, and avoid water pollution.

Because Ms. Buhl revealed neither knowledge of or sensitivity to a variet of matters such as bad air causing asthma and cancer and landfills being located near minority communities.

Because the little Gingrich-goths are behaving rudely, Sen. Andrew Harris, R-Baltimore Co, abuses green witnesses in hearings. Sen. Nancy Jacobs, R-Harford, yells at her fellow senators in the chamber. Republican party chairman John Kane shouts at reporters in the hall.

Finally, because Ms. Buhl came from Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality, and agency notorious for rolling back regulations and refusing to punish polluters, an agency whose motto is "Waivers Are Us." As someone put it, confirming Ms. Buhl is like hiring a babysitter who just worked for the Addams Family and let their kids do whatever they pleased.

Ehrlich the Gingrich-goth claims strong enforcement of our environmental laws to be part of the "political culture" the voters mandated him to change. The Senate has now declared that to be not so; and that, in true parliamentary tradition, the kind can and will be resisted.

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Commentary: Politics aside, Janet Dudley-Eshbach is in charge

By Sarah Frantz
News editor

It is saddening to hear some of the sentiment around campus concerning SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach, and her actions dealing with the current budget cuts. Her strength and dedication as a leader leaves this concerned student confident that with every decision she makes concerning the school takes into account how it will affect each and every one of us.

The state of Maryland, faced with a huge budget deficit, had to come up with some way to fix the problem. Unfortunately the answer came with a price. Each institution, faced with deep cuts, had to develop a plan dealing with the budget deficit. SU developed their Restructuring Plan in consideration of every faculty member and student at this school. Positions had to be eliminated and undoubtedly any choice has the potential to be controversial, as are the cuts themselves.

Some people think that 15 administrative positions cut is a little much. However, look at Frostburg, which cut nearly double that amount. At the forum when she announced the plan, Eshbach said that the positions were eliminated, but not the assignments of the positions, an important factor regardless of who was cut.

Now there is another round of budget cuts pending-and more changes will have to be made, for better or worse.

In these difficult times, Dudley-Eshbach is not only a leader, but also a bearer of tremendous responsibility. No matter what decisions are made, it is inevitable that someone is going to be unhappy. While always keeping our institution's best interests in mind, she still takes time out for students. When we marched on city hall for 4-2, she stood in front of Holloway Hall and publicly announced her support of our efforts. It is crucial to our future that the students do not treat our president as a fair weather friend.

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No news is good news: Long distance with a new meaning

By Sonia Thompson

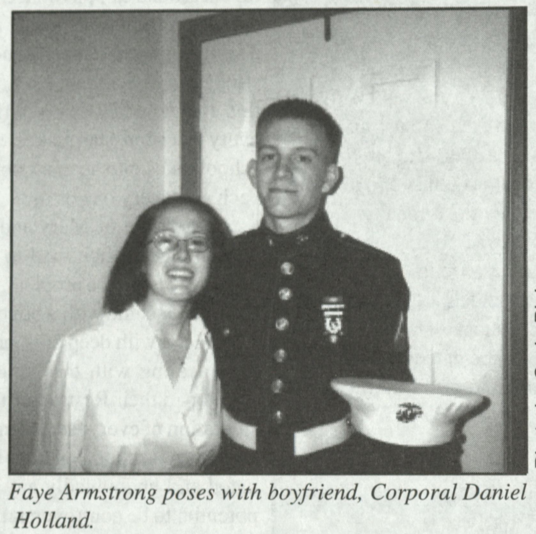
Sophomore Faye Armstrong has more on her mind than just getting good grades and paying her bills. Her boyfriend, Corporal Daniel Holland, who is only 19 years old, left for Kuwait on Feb. 10.

She doesn't watch "American Idol" or the "Real World." Instead, her television is constantly tuned into MSN's news channel. She's hoping to get a glimpse of her boyfriend or get an idea of his whereabouts. "The hardest thing about dating a Marine is not knowing," says Armstrong.

She has received two letters from her boyfriend since he left two months ago. In the letters he explained that he had a choice whether to stay in Kuwait or continue traveling into Iraq. He volunteered to move forward.

Corporal Daniel Holland has been in the Marines for almost two years. He is in the Second Battalion, working with transportation support. His job is to operate cranes, forklifts and other large equipment. Inside Iraq, Corporal Holland could possibly be helping with the convoy. "His biggest fear is the use of chemical warfare," says Armstrong as she holds back tears. "And that is mine also."

Holland joined the Marines for patriotic reasons. He wanted to defend his county and when he gets out of the Marines he has plans to become a state trooper. He is currently regimented in Camp Lejeune, NC. "I'm so jealous of girls who have their boyfriend all the time, who don't know what it's like to not have their boyfriend around. I get to see my boyfriend once a month maybe."



Faye Armstrong poses with boyfriend, Corporal Daniel Holland.

Photo by Carla Pini

As the troops enter Baghdad the death tolls are rising. More than 50 soldiers have been killed and there are over 100 casualties. But despite her boyfriend being deployed to the Middle East, Armstrong is not against the War.

"I agree with Bush. I think that something needs to be done – Saddam Hussein has had 12 years to disarm and he is not showing any signs of disarming. I think that the U.S should not sit around and wait for another 9/11 to happen," says Armstrong.

Being in a long distance relationship can easily stress many couples out. "There are some days when I'm fine. There are some days when I'm so sad and depressed that I cry and can't sleep," says Armstrong.

Although having a loved one at war gives long distance a whole different meaning, Armstrong still tries to remain positive. "I think that it brings us closer together. It makes the little things important, that if you were in a normal relationship and saw your boyfriend every day they wouldn't count, but they do when you're far apart, like a phone call saying 'I love you.'"

One of the things Armstrong misses the most is hearing his voice. The last time she spoke to him was on the phone, before he left. "He said I love you and I'll see you when I get back," she says. Although not hearing anything isn't always a bad thing.

"No news is good news," she adds.

Armstrong is unsure when her boyfriend will return home. The French secondary education major is planning a trip to France for the fall semester. She will leave at the end of August and return at the end of December. "I'm doing it. Part of me doesn't want to go because I feel like as soon as I leave he's going to come home," she says.

Armstrong not only deals with the long distance, but with the political controversy over the war. Not only are people turning their backs to the American flag, but also many have begun to turn their backs to the troops. Recent protestors of the war have pronounced their hatred for the men and women in the armed forces.

"I hope that everyone will come together and support our troops," says Armstrong, "and know that the troops are over there defending us. Supporting our troops and supporting the war are two different things. We need to support the troops."

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How to keep your penis from falling off

(and other information about street harassment)

By Becki Lee
Copy Editor

Indifference, flattery, and threatening that a man's penis will fall off are all ways that women react to catcalls, whistling, and other forms of so-called "street harassment." With the weather steadily getting warmer, people begin to peel off clothing in layers, and catcallers shout their approval of women's appearances as they walk by. As these instances seem to increase with the temperature and become more dangerous, and as April is National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, street harassment is drawing more and more attention from people.

The term "street harassment," or "public harassment," has generally been used to describe unwarranted sexual attention from strangers in passing. Under this definition, the intensity of such encounters could range from a simple wink or "Hey, baby" to actual touching or groping. However, many people do not agree on the broadness of the definition.

"Saying something like, 'Hey, beautiful' or something like that, to me that's not harassing, but going up to someone and saying something like 'Hey, let's hit the floor,' or 'Come over to my house and screw' – that's harassing," says SU student Tim Donmoyer.

Jessica Moore, a communications major, expresses a different standpoint.

"I guess [street harassment] would be a good term for it," she says. "Sometimes it's pretty innocent, but at the same time it is unwanted, it is annoying, it is uncomfortable, and it can go a lot further."

Although the students who were interviewed had different ideas on what actions constituted harassment, they tended to agree that persisting when a person was clearly offended was crossing the line.

"If someone is catcalled at and they say something about it, and it continues, then that's definitely crossing the line," says Moore.

Steve Griffin, a junior, agrees that the fun stops when someone expresses discomfort. "As soon as they get upset, you either have the last word or you walk away, one or the other," he says.

Different explanations exist for why some men catcall women. Some people blame it on the men themselves, saying that there's something wrong within them; some people suggest that the women bring the harassment upon themselves by the way they act or dress. Others believe that harassment stems from something completely without the individual, such as society's image of women. And then some say men do it "just for the hell of it," according to Donmoyer.

"I think some people do it because they're trying to either surprise somebody or they're trying to impress someone they're with," suggests junior Tom Hamill. "Sometimes a group of guys will catcall somebody because they're trying to impress their friends and it's expected behavior."

"I don't think women generally bring it on," says Dr. Grace Clement, a philosophy professor with a specialty in feminist ethics.

"I think it happens to women who are doing their best *not* to bring it on," she says. "I think it is something about the men doing it, but it is something they have learned in society – they have learned through sexism in society that it's okay, that women can be treated this way, maybe even that it's flattering for women to be treated this way."

Although street harassment is more common than harassment in the workplace and in academic settings, fewer people speak out about it and less research is conducted on it, according to Dr. Suzanne Osman, a psychology professor who specializes in gender and sexuality-related attitudes and behaviors.

"I realize that most of the research in harassment is not focused on street harassment – most of it seems to focus on work and academic settings," Osman says. "But that's interesting, considering that one study found harassment on the street is actually more prevalent and seems to be more expected."

"More than 80 percent of the women in the study said they had been harassed [on the street], but they were also the ones that showed it influenced their fears of victimization," Osman says. "[Street harassment] does seem to have an influence on women; it increases fear of victimization. Most women find it offensive…But even though women seem to say that, they will also tend to give the harasser the benefit of the doubt and assume he doesn't mean any harm by it."

"It does [bother me]," says Moore. "It's not so bad if I'm in my car, because then…I don't have to deal with them. But if I'm outside and they are too, especially if it's a group of guys, and you're walking by them and they're saying things to you or whistling or something it's really uncomfortable."

Women who are offended by catcalls and other forms of unwarranted attention may be interested in the Street Harassment Project, a feminist activist group dedicated to raising awareness of and ending street harassment. While some people may be put off by the group's seemingly radical ideas, others may appreciate the off-beat ways that the group attempts to reduce public harassment. The women of the Street Harassment Project use street theater, hold weekly meetings and even hand out cards that are designed to look like porno ads but actually say, "Hey guys! Wanna get laid? Then stop harassing women!"

One other handout has a picture of a skull and the word "Warning!" on the front, with the back stating, "You are guilty of harassing and insulting a woman! This card has been treated with an invisible poisonous ink and within six hours your penis will fall off." In fine print, the bottom reads, "* penile reattachment may not be covered by your insurance plan. To avoid reoccurrence stop harassing women!"

The cards can be downloaded from the group's website, www.streetharassmentproject.org.

So the question remains: is street harassment really a big deal?

"Sure, it's a big deal," Clement says. "I think it's a reflection of sexism…There are many other things that are wrong [in life] too, but it is one big deal among many big deals."

SU junior Kyle Morrow, on the other hand, believes that the lesser forms of street harassment, such as catcalling or getting a girl's attention, are not actually harassment and are not intended to be harmful. "It's a tough call…I'd just say that it's trying to start a conversation," he says. "No one's ever accused me of harassing them…I don't do that stuff."

In the end, maybe freshman Brian Basner has it right. "I've just never felt the need to [catcall at women]," he says. "I let them come to me." But whether or not street harassment ever stops, one thing is for certain: people will continue to disagree about the ethics of it for some time to come.

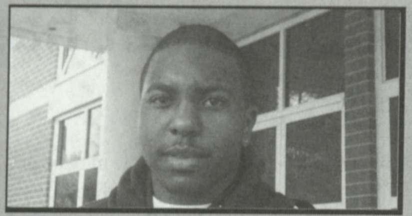
Overheard

By Abby Finestine and Sonia Thompson

How do you feel about the war?

"I agree with it. I think it had to be done. It was bound to happen soon. I think they should just get it over with."

Kathleen McGrath, Freshman



"It sucks. I think Bush is going about it the wrong way. He's worried about Iraq when North Korea is ready to f*** us up!"

Justin Rice, Sophomore

"We should nuke them and turn it into a parking lot."

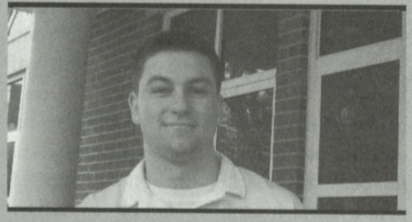
Heather Goldstein, Sophomore

"In general, Bush was in a bad predicament because it's a lose-lose situation. If he doesn't go to war and something happens later on, it will reflect on him. No one wants war but it is a necessary evil. I think it's disgusting that all these celebrities and protestors aren't supporting the troops. You can be against the war, but at least support the troops."

Jason Curtin, Junior

"I basically think it's completely against international law and the Geneva convention. It's unethical to oust a leadership or a dictator. I am against the war."

Honor McElroy, Senior



"It's not justified. I think it is wrong. I don't think they have a direct link between Saddam and Bin Laden's terrorism. I think it's a violation of international law. It reaffirms why foreign countries think we are arrogant. I think that it's pointless to argue whether it is right or wrong now. We need to unite and support the troops."

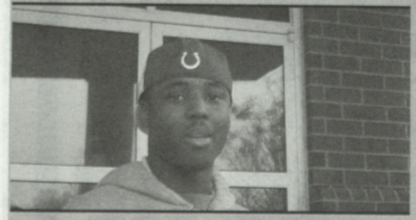
Chris Gere, Sophomore

"At first I was hesitant, but now I totally support the war. I think without our efforts it would continue to get worse over there."

Adam Harrow, Freshman

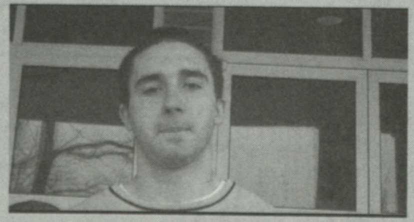
"I'm for the war because I think Clinton didn't do what he had to do inspection-wise. He was too lenient. Plus, the terrorist attacks and 9/11."

Angie Murrill, Freshman



"If we didn't get them, they would get us."

Michael Hatcher, Freshman



"I agree with the cause of the war but I disagree with how Bush is running it. You have to question his ulterior motives."

Mike Kuchmek, Junior

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America Meets Michael Moore

By Brian Zitzelman

Before March 30, 2003, the name Michael Moore was not a common one amongst most people. However, since the day of his Academy Award victory, along with his – depending on whom you speak to – infamous speech, Moore has become a well-known political activist. Yet, Moore has had a loyal following for more than a decade.

Moore first gained notoriety with his 1989 documentary "Roger & Me." The documentary showed the ramifications of 30,000 jobs being lost after the closure of a General Motors plant in Moore's hometown. "Roger & Me" also revealed Moore's standard relentless pursuit to find accountability by trying to gain an interview with GM's CEO Roger Smith, as well as taking him out for a few beers.

In the '90s, Moore was involved with two successful books, one as writer of "Downsize This! Random Thoughts from an Unarmed American" and as co-author of "Adventures in a TV Nation." Moore also created two separate television series, both of which showed his mix of politics and comedy. The programs "TV Nation" and "The Awful Truth" were nominated for Emmys in each season of their existence.

Photo by news.bbc.co.uk

Michael Moore criticizes the president and the war in Iraq at the 2003 Oscars.

Moore's fan base grew alongside of his critical praise, but it was not until 2002 that his notability emerged to new levels. In the early part of the year, he released the number one "New York Times" bestseller "Stupid White Men…and Other Sorry Excuses for the State of the Nation!" The book spoke out against George W. Bush's election as President, the worsening state of the world's environment and the death of the Democratic Party in the United States.

The other major accomplishment for Moore in 2002 was his documentary "Bowling for Columbine." By the end of festival, Moore had received the 55th Anniversary jury prize. As 2002 came to a close, the activist had one of the year's most acclaimed films and the best selling non-fiction book of the year.

While 2002 was Moore's most successful year, it has been the past month that the majority of America has learned of his name. His speech after winning "Best Documentary" at the Academy Awards has been the most talked about moment of the evening's events.

"I thought his speech at the Academy Awards was inappropriate," says junior Abby Douds. "I think that it's fine that he disagrees with Bush, that's his freedom of speech and I will defend that. But when he calls Bush a 'fictitious' President, he has crossed the line."

Right-wing newspaper writers and broadcasters have spoken out against Moore's statements as well. He has responded to the comments in a number of ways, including a massive written response in the "Los Angeles Times."

While polls taken by Fox News have shown that the majority of people disagree with Moore's viewpoints, his book "Stupid White Men," now in its 49th week of release, has once again become the best selling non-fiction book in the nation. With his Oscar comments, Moore has become one of the most well-known faces of those in the anti-war movement. Anyone who is familiar with Moore knows he will take advantage of the situation and speak out as much as ever about his beliefs.

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Hollywood fumbles with the war in Iraq

By Rob Goszkowski

The war in Iraq has presented Hollywood with a problem. Suddenly, celebrities are not all that important now that America has serious issues to ponder. They don't seem to be handling it too well, either. Anti-war comments from individuals such as Sean Penn, George Clooney, Barbara Streisand and Natalie Maines have drawn the ire of the war's supporters in the media as well as harsh comments from other recognizable names.

Country legend Charlie Daniels let it clearly be known how he feels about many of the outspoken anti-war celebrities in an open letter to the public.

"You people are some of the most disgusting examples of a waste of protoplasm I've ever had the displeasure to hear about," said Daniels in "Newsweek" magazine.

The Dixie Chicks are firmly at the opposite end of the spectrum and voiced their opinion at a recent concert. "Just so you know, we're ashamed the president of the United States is from Texas," Natalie Maines told a cheering London audience. The response at home has not been so positive. Numerous radio stations are refusing to play their music, and boycotts have been launched by a number of organizations.

Comments from Barbara Streisand were less emotionally charged, but have still angered people. "Saddam Hussein did not bomb the World Trade Center," said Streisand.

"Bowling for Columbine" director Michael Moore's anti-war comments at the Oscars received perhaps greater attention than the awards event itself. "We live in the time when we have fictitious election results that elect a fictitious president," said Moore. "We live in a time where we have a man sending us to war for fictitious reasons, whether it is the fiction of duct tape or the fiction of orange alerts. We are against this war, Mr. Bush. Shame on you, Mr. Bush. Shame on you."

The speech was generally well received by the audience, but booing stagehands close to the microphone made it seem as though there was greater disagreement on television. "Don't report that there was a split decision in the hall because five people booed," he said. "I did not hear that. I saw the entire place stand up and applaud, applaud a film that talks about how we are manipulated by the fear that's put forth by the White House and put forth by corporate America to create a culture of violence at home and abroad."

When asked why he made the comments, Moore replied, "I'm an American . . . You don't leave your citizenship when you enter the doors of the Kodak Theater."

In the entertainment world

Compiled by Adam Lehman

Toni Braxton to return to Broadway

Braxton, who made her Broadway revue in Disney's "Beauty and the Beast," will be taking over the title role in "Aida" for a four month engagement.

"I am very excited to be coming back to Broadway as Aida," Braxton said in a statement. "Ever since I was a little girl, I have been a fan of Elton John's music and to be able to sing the wonderful score he wrote with Tim Rice will be a terrific challenge both as a singer and as an actress."

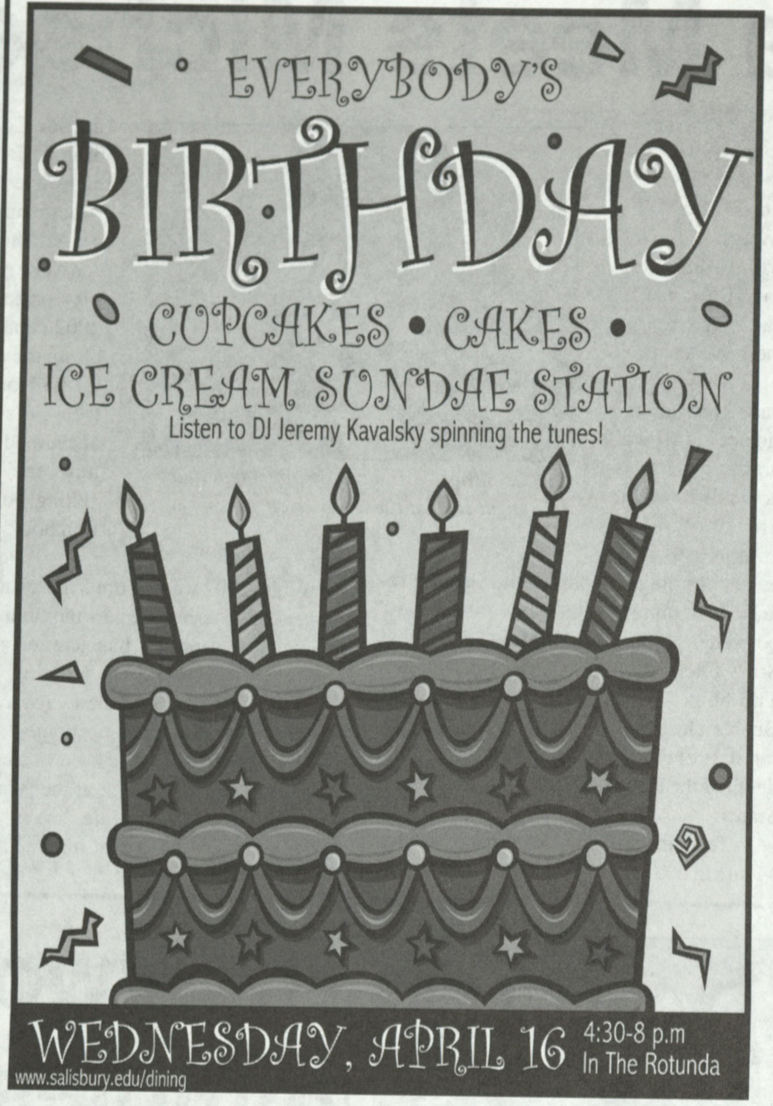
"Aida" currently stars Simone, Adam Pascal and Felicia Finley.

Got child support?

Jim Carrey's ex-wife, Melissa Carrey, is asking a judge to award her more child support to pay for her daughter's lifestyle. "Jane enjoys Pilates and takes classes at the local Pilates studio but does not have her own personal trainer or her own Pilates equipment," Melissa said in her court statement. Apparently, the $10,000 payment Jim makes each month is not adequate.

"What a Girl Wants"

Warner Bros. decided to alter the promotional poster for its upcoming release staring Amanda Bynes. In the poster, Bynes flashes the peace sign while sporting a white tank top adorned with an American flag. The studio airbrushed the picture so that the actress's arm is at her side. The studio hopes that the new posters will not create any waves in the already turbulent political pool.



Billboard Charts

Top Ten Songs for the week of April 12

1. "In Da Club," 50 Cent
2. "Ignition," R. Kelly
3. "Get Busy," Sean Paul
4. "Picture," Kid Rock Featuring Sheryl Crow
5. "Miss You," Aaliyah
6. "When I'm Gone," 3 Doors Down
7. "Beautiful," Snoop Dogg Featuring Pharrell & Uncle Charlie Wilson
8. "Excuse Me Miss," Jay-Z
9. "All I Have," Jennifer Lopez Featuring LL Cool J
10. "How You Gonna Act Like That," Tyrese

Top ten from ten years ago:

1. "Informer," Snow
2. "Freak Me," Silk
3. "Nuthin But A 'G' Thang," Dr. Dre
4. "I Have Nothing," Whitney Houston
5. "Don't Walk Away," Jade
6. "Cat's In The Cradle," Ugly Kid Joe
7. "Two Princes," Spin Doctors
8. "Love Is" (From "Beverly Hills, 90210")
9. "Mr. Wendal," Arrested Development
10. "Bed Of Roses," Bon Jovi

Campus Blurbs

Compiled by Becki Lee

SSO Youth and Collegiate Symphony performs at SU

The Salisbury Symphony Orchestra Affiliated Youth and Collegiate Symphony will perform its spring concert on Thursday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Hall. The orchestra consists of Delmarva-area members between the ages of 10 and 21, and is conducted by Dr. Thomas Elliot. Admission is $5 for adults and $2 for children 18 and under. Tickets are only available at the door. For more information, call 410-548-5587.

14th Annual Variety Show on April 11 and 12

SU's 14th Annual Variety Show (V14), which will be held on Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Holloway Hall auditorium, will feature the many different styles of performance people have come to expect from SU's Variety Show. Also known as V14, the show features many performing styles from SU students, faculty, staff and alumni. Individual acts include group solo vocal performances, Irish dance, a guitar and banjo act and a few other surprises. Some interesting additions include: a rock and roll band, featuring three styles of guitar playing, follows a monologue about rock and roll itself, and the newly formed Salisbury University Step Squad. Between individual performances, four SU students, serving as masters and mistresses of ceremonies, entertain the audience, along with the faculty pit band Pugsly. Puglsy also warms up the audience starting at 7:15 p.m. A few veteran Variety Show performers are returning, including Stephanie Howard, Peter Johnson, Aimee Parker, Pat Gates, Allison Kimball and Judith O'Hehir. General Admission tickets are $5 and anybody with a current SU ID can get one ticket for free. Tickets may be reserved by calling 410-548-4597 and will also be available at the door. For more information visit the SU Web site.

"Just War" lecture on April 16

Dr. James Turner Johnson, a faculty member in the departments of Religion and Political Science at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, speaks Wednesday, April 16, at Salisbury University. The lecture "Justifying the Use of Armed Force: The Just War Idea and the Iraq Debate," is at 7 p.m. in the Guerrieri University Center's Wicomico Room. Johnson is co-editor of the *Journal of Military Ethics* and a trustee and editorial board member of the *Journal of Religious Ethics*. He has lectured at venues ranging from Harvard University to the U.S. Naval Academy. For more information contact the Office of Cultural Affairs and Museum Programs at 410-543-6271.

Writers-on-the-Shore series presents poet Page Dougherty

Page Dougherty will read from her recent collection of poetry, *No One with a Past is Safe*, on April 17 at 8 p.m. in the Montgomery Room of the Commons, as part of the English Department's ongoing Writers-on-the-Shore series. Dougherty has had her poetry published in such journals as *The Kenyon Review, The Gettysburg Review, Ontario Review* and *TriQuarterly*. She is also the recipient of a New York Foundation for the Arts Fellowship. For more information, contact Dr. Michael Waters at 410-543-6540.

Dance Company Supports Our Troops

The Executive Council of the SU Dance Company has selected *Operation Uplink* for its spring semester fundraising project. Throughout April, the Dance Company will sponsor several activities to raise funds for this worthy cause. A carwash at Cheers on South Salisbury Boulevard will be held Saturday, April 12 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Raffle tickets of $1 each can be purchased through the Department of Physical Education (MC-233) and at the door during the annual Spring Dance Concert. Six raffle drawings worth $100 each in merchandise and gift certificates will be held Thursday-Saturday, April 24-26, at 8 p.m. in Holloway Hall Auditorium. The Company will also tithe 10 percent of its concert admissions to this fundraising project. For information, please contact the Department of Physical Education at 410-548-4183.

Crime Beat

Compiled by Sarah Frantz
News Editor

03/28/03 10:00 a.m.
Theft
A laptop computer was reported to be stolen from a room in Fulton Hall.

03/31/03 09:45 a.m.
Hit & Run
A student reported that a vehicle was damaged by an unknown vehicle while parked in the Dogwood lot.

03/31/03 02:15 p.m.
Telephone Misuse/Possible Telephone Scam
A resident of Dogwood Village reported receiving an annoying and unwanted phone call inquiring about credit cards in his possession. The student asked to be taken off the company's call list.

04/01/03 03:00 p.m.
Theft
A resident of Choptank Hall reported that money was stolen from a wallet located in a room on the sixth floor.

04/01/03 06:45 p.m.
Theft
A resident of Dogwood Village reported that a book bag and contents were stolen from the cashier's station on the second floor of the Commons.

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Track and field at Captain's Classic

By Noah Wood

On Saturday, April 5, the men and women's track & field teams successfully competed in the Captain's Classic at Christopher Newport University in Virginia.

Both teams competed against strong competition from schools like Virginia State University and Christopher Newport University. The most competitive events at this meet were the sprinting events, where there was a lot of speedy competition from the opposing schools.

The women's team had some outstanding performances. Sophomore Melissa Lewis got 2nd in the hammer throw with a distance of 33.12 meters. Sophomores Stacy Hopkins and Erin Surette went 1 and 2 in the 3000 meter steeplechase with a time of 12:53 and 14:16.79 respectively and freshman Sarah Hynes finished 2nd in the women's 800 meter run with a time of 2:27.77.

"I was kind of disappointed because I didn't run as well as I could have," said Hynes. "But a lot of other people did really well, so I'm really pleased with that."

Sarah's enthusiasm about the team's performance was shared by many of her other teammates as they enjoyed the success that hard work together resulted in at the meet.

In addition, the men's team was very competitive and had very rewarding performances: freshman Will Murdoch won the 1500 meter run with a time of 4:06.73, sophomore Brandon Fields placed 2nd in the hammer throw with a distance of 39.85, sophomore Brad Ellis placed 2nd in a hard-fought 3000 meter steeplechase with a time of 9:50.41, senior Rich Chase placed 2nd in the javelin throw with a distance of 50.78 meters, and sophomore Tim Robinson won the javelin throw with a distance of 52.17 meters. Tim and the rest of the Sea Gulls felt their confidence increase heavily as a result of their performances at this meet.

"The Season moves pretty fast," remarked Robinson. "Today was a good day to stop and appreciate how far we've come and to realize what we have to do as a team to fulfill our destiny."

Jim Jones, the head coach of the track and field team, felt that this was one great stepping stone that the men's and women's teams passed in order to advance toward achieving their goals at the upcoming championship meets.

"I thought it was a good meet coming off of Spring Break," stated Jones. "This is another step toward the CAC Championships that we want to win!"

Top ranked Men's Lax trounces Gettysburg

By Sean Iannucci
Sports Editor

The men's lacrosse team continued their stellar season with a 17-2 payback victory over #5 Gettysburg Saturday, April 5, at Sea Gull Stadium.

The Sea Gulls had fallen to Gettysburg in the teams' three previous meetings, their last loss being a 7-5 NCAA tournament defeat, setting a vengeful mood for Saturday's game.

Senior attackman Josh Bergey and sophomore Corey O'Neil each netted three goals; four other players (Lauer, Gemmell, Phillips, Boyer) scored twice apiece.

The Sea Gulls jumped out to a 5-0 lead and opened up a 6-1 advantage at the end of the first quarter. Bergey and O'Neil catapulted Salisbury in the second quarter, combining for three goals, giving the Sea Gulls a 9-1 lead at halftime.

The team continued their domination in the second half, receiving goals from a hoard of players, opening up a 15-2 lead at the end of a commanding third quarter.

The Sea Gulls' defense played huge against the top-ranked Bullets, allowing them only 18 shots on goal. Lead by Jeff Bigas, Eric Martin and Evan Howard, the Salisbury defense completed their third game this season in which only two goals were scored (previously accomplished against Union and Catholic). Starting goalie Mike Taylor recorded four saves in 45 minutes of play.

At the game's end, Salisbury had outshot Gettysburg 47-18 and won 16 of 22 face offs. The Sea Gulls will continue their reign as the nation's best, moving to 10-0 (4-0 CAC), while Gettysburg falls to 7-3.

Salisbury plays at home on Thursday, April 10, against Lynchburg.

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Baseball comes back, beats Wesley

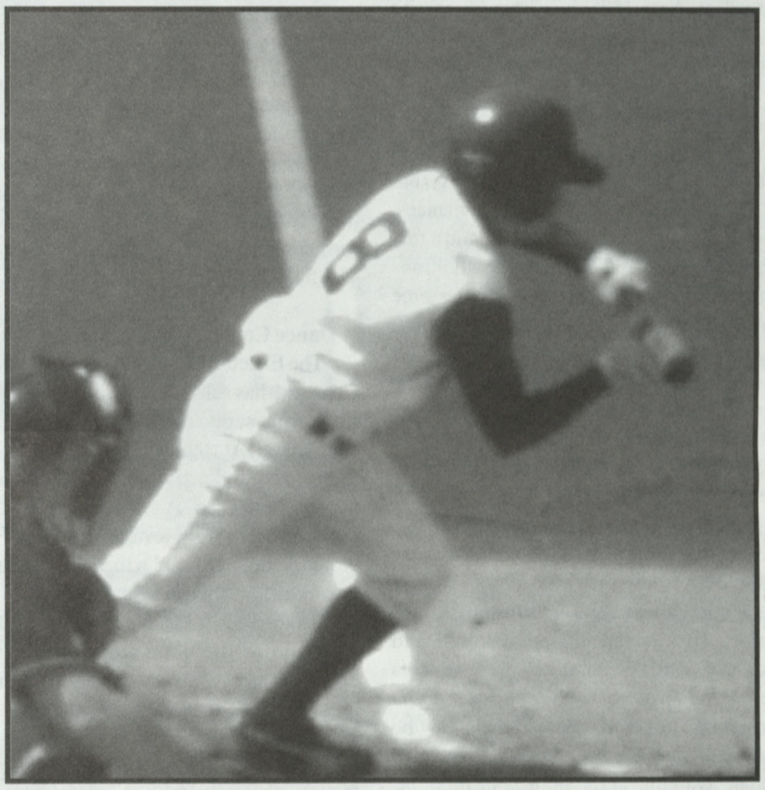

Photo by Michelle Bennett

The action heats up in Salisbury baseball.

by Matt Dewhurst

Salisbury baseball came back to beat Wesley 9-5 at home Sunday, April 6.

The Gulls were led by starting pitcher Jace Carletti and freshman first baseman Nick Pegelow. After giving up three runs in the first inning, Carletti stormed back allowing six hits and striking out 13 batters in just seven and two-thirds innings.

As Salisbury slowly crawled back into the game, Carletti was solid on the mound, keeping the Wesley bats at bay. The Wolverines were barely able to get men on base after the first two innings, as Carletti kept the strikes coming hard and fast until he gave over the pitching duties to Star Kriger in the seventh and then Eric Bush in the ninth.

On the offensive end of the game Salisbury constantly put runners in scoring position, often driving them in for runs. The Gulls failed to score in only two innings, putting together multi-run innings in the second and sixth. Freshman first baseman Nick Pegelow went 3-4 with three runs batted in. Along with Pegelow, right fielder Mike Williams went 2-4 with two RBI and centerfielder Trey Cobb also added two RBI. Designated hitter Rob Kassekert and left fielder Tyler Howard both had one RBI as well.

The win was a much-needed one after the Gulls' hard loss to York College Saturday 9-0. The gulls are now 7-1 in the CAC and 19-7-1 overall. With just under ten games left, Salisbury is poised to make another run for the third year in a row at the CAC championship, which begins April 22.